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★ **U. S. Marshals and Huber Heights Police Corral and Return Fugitive for Justice.** ★

Believing he was forgotten and outside the long arm of the law, Joseph Lee **Caulley**, was living and hiding in Cancun, Mexico. What **Caulley** did not know was that a new era of cooperation had begun with the U.S. Marshals and authorities in the Republic of Mexico. **Caulley** would soon learn what this new era meant for him. **Caulley** had been on the run since May of 2003 for Aggravated Burglary and Robbery in the City of Huber Heights, and failure to appear in Montgomery County Common Pleas Court. In addition, **Caulley** had also violated probation for a prior vandalism offense and warrants for that as well.

On March 15th a man came to the attention of authorities in Cancun, Mexico, following an apparent narcotic overdose. Authorities contacted U.S. Marshal senior Inspector George Ramirez at the U.S. Marshal's liaison office in Mexico City. Mexican authorities believed that **Caulley** was a fugitive from Montgomery County, Ohio. Inspector Ramirez contacted Montgomery County and determined the warrants were still active. The Marshals then adopted the case in order to bring **Caulley** back to Ohio to face justice. As a result of these findings Mexican authorities declared **Caulley** as an "unwelcome person" and ordered that **Caulley** be given back to the United States.

Inspector Ramirez then traveled to Cancun on March 17th and 18th, in order to coordinate efforts to remove **Caulley**. Efforts with the Instituto Nacional de Migracion [INM] and the Agencia Federal de Investigation [AFI] of Mexico were fruitful in allowing the Marshals Service to get custody of **Caulley**. The Marshals Service then transported **Caulley** on a commercial airliner to Houston where the fugitive was placed in Marshals Service custody on the charges. **Caulley** will then be transported by Huber Heights Detectives to Dayton on March 30th in order to be brought to justice.

This story of the apprehension of **Joseph Lee Caulley** is a living example of how federal, state, and international authorities can work together to bring fugitives to justice. The United States Marshals Service has just recently opened offices in Mexico as well as other Central American and Caribbean countries in order to apprehend fugitives. These offices work in a spirit of cooperation that allows for better working relationships in order to serve the interests of justice. Fugitives will find it harder to hide from justice with this new level of international cooperation.